* Tobacco, the single most important risk factor for chronic diseases, has been addressed in India through a comprehensive legislation and various other interventions.

* Health promotion and advocacy efforts have been taken up along with Integrated NCD prevention programmes in various parts of India with focus on industrial populations.

* The Ministrty of Health and Family Welfare in collaboration with the WHO has initiated follow up action on the WHO Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health which offers various avenues to increase vegetable and fruit consumption and increase physical activity.

Corruption in autonomous councils

370. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to investigate the affairs of autonomous councils under his Ministry after revelations of rampant corruption in these councils;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to make the working of these bodies more transparent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Complaints of corruption against autonomous councils are investigated in this Ministry as per relevant rules, provisions and wherever required, the same are referred to CBI.

Registration criteria for medical Practitioners

371. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of criteria fixed by Government for registration of medical practitioners in rural/ urban areas with the Indian Medical Council;

(b) the details of the total practicing doctors registered with the Indian Medical Council in urban and rural areas as on date, State-wise; and

(c) what are the reasons for not posting the MBBS doctors for practicing in the rural areas of the country; and whether Government have formulated any policy in this regard; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The Section 23 of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 stipulates that the Registrar of the Council may on receipt of the report of registration of a person in a State Medical Register or on application made in the prescribed manner by any such person, enter his name in the Indian Medical Register. Provided that the Registrar is satisfied that the person concerned possesses a recognized medical qualification. There are no separate criteria for registration of medical parctitioners in rural/ urban areas. The registration by Medical Council of India of Indian students with primary medical qualifications from an Institute abroad is done as per provisions of IMC (Amendment) Act, 2001 regulations made therein and the Supreme Court of India in its judgement dated 8.3.2002 in Civil Appeal No. 2779 of 2000.

(b) to (d) A statement indicating the number of possessing recognized Medical qualifications (under IMC Act) and registered with State Medical Councils from the years 1986 to 2005 is enclosed (*See* below) As per section 27 of the Indian Medical Council Act, the person whose name is enrolled in the Indian Medical Register are entitled according to his qualifications to practice as a medical practitioner in any part of India. Health being a State subject, it is the prerogative of the State Government to post doctors in any particular area. However recently, the Government has constituted a Task Force on Medical Education for the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) under the Chairmanship of Ex-Union Health Secretary. The Task Force is required to suggest amongst other measures as to how rural service can be made attractive for MBBS doctors alongwith other possibilities of providing Health care in rural and under served areas including modifications in the curriculum for Medical course.

Statement

Number of Doctors possessing recognised medical qualifications (Under I.M.C. Act) and Registered with State Medical Councils from the years 1986 to 2005.

(As on 31st December of the year concerned)

last updated on 31st October, 2005

Sl.No State	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
1 2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Medical Councils																				
1. Andhra Pradesh	16516	17108	17639	18236	18898	19610	20459	21664	22736	23826	25156	27052	27844	28510	29214	30687	32510	34147	34808	34642
2. Assam	8912	9151	9430	9748	10101	10499	10932	11300	11679	12140	12518	12936	13293	13763	14253	14586	15060	15526	15849	15927
3. Bhopal+	7867	8526	9147	9852	10542	11187	12043	12794	13584	14286	14865*	15794	16515	17271	18181	19021	27440	28247	29003	29562
4. Chhattisgarh			Medical		Council			started registration				work in year 2002					1	101	285	242
5. Bihar	22902	23452	24139	24874	25691	26376	27056	27672	28220	28710	29569	30195	30720	31551	32226	33070	33720	34583	35111	35477
6. Goa	Goa	Medical	Council	was	established	in	year	1994	417	569	797	1346	1569	1719	1916	2030	2128	2235	2360	2463
7. Gujarat	18417	19173	19806	20701	21576	22392	23188	24257	25084	26126	27308	28415	29492	30786	32177	33653	35174	36012	37194	38383
8. Haryana	256	319	437	523	601	644	709	781	822	866	913	937	972	1018	1065	1146	1234	1285	1332	1385
9. Hyderabad@	11780	12153	12469	12805	13199	13757	13888	13888	13898	13888	13898	13888	13888	13888	13898	13898	13889	13888	13888	14027
10. J & K	3442	3622	3776	4037	4187	4407	4553	4732	4992	5280	5448	5674	5798	6151	6344	6875	7317	7900	8294	8510
11. Jharkhand	Jharkhand	Medical	Council	started	Registration	work	in	2003										91	183	375*
12. Karnataka	25518	26722	27985	29502	31029	32813	34921	37447	39873	42351	45050	47706	50733	54012	57464	61163	64012	65789	67861	69492

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
13	Travencore-Cochin	14900	15570	16457	17488	18480	19465	20400	21296	22408	23622	24660	25644	26711	27908	29087	30173	31353	31353	33418	33649*
14	Maharashtra	39397	41035	42730	44684	46858	49365	51895	54685	57084	59809	62979	66477	70095	73708	77278	80764	84536	88378	92327	95299*
15	Orissa	9478	9864	10079	10424	10744	11087	11389	11512	11988	12336	12660	12981	13343	13661	14009	14315	14640	14707	14973	15029*
16	Punjab	24128	24615	25130	25698	26178	26636	27132	27686	28113	28625	29170	30047	30570	31236	31859	32558	33206	33417	34101	34104**
17	Rajasthan	11059	11808	12238	12907	13470	14041	14651	15186	15855	16503	17144	17779	18504	19189	19744	20438	21198	21885	22567	22856*
18	Tamil Nadu	38673	40023	41465	43074	44769	46419	48345	50164	51745	53378	55164	57299	59305	61383	63434	65771	68209	70357	72077	72725
19	Uttar Pradesh	28514	29376	30348	31336	32369	33178	34419	35849	36807	37880	38912	39319	39812	41714	42452	43492	45295	46309	46904	46336**
20	West Bengal	37751	38733	39505	40205	40915	41722	42723	43612	44294	45123	45794	46591	47358	48377	49261	49941	50794	51961	53068	53456
21	MCI Delhi	5873	6703	7512	8284	9068	10042	11039	11964	13044	14258	15616	16861	18667	20149	21694	23056	24435	25737	26468	27109
22	Delhi		Delhi	Medical Councile stablished		in		year	2000							4	468	925	1514	2197	2896
	TOTAL	3265383	337753	350292	364278	378575	393640	409742	426459	442643	459676	477610	496941	515189	536983	556660	577094	607075	625423	649064	663613

Note. * Incomplete information received

** Information not received

@ After merging of Hyderabad Medical Council with Andhra Pradesh Medical Council from 1992 Separate registration is not done by Hyderabad Medical Council hence constant figures are shown against this Council showing the registration done upto 1992

+ (Figure 7644. The registration done by the Mahakoshal Medical Council upto 06.06.1979, has been added in the Annual Figure of Year 2002 in MP Medical Council, Bhopal vide letter dated 23.01.2003 received from the Registrar, MP Medical Council, Bhopal)